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1. APPARENTLY ENGLISH QUOTE COMPANY UNQUOTE REFERRED TO IN REF (A) WAS WEED RESEARCH ORGANIZATION, BEGBROKE HILL, SANDY LANE, YARNTON, OXFORD, ENGLAND OX51PF. THAT FACILITY, TOGETHER WITH HUNTINGDON RESEARCH CENTRE, HUNTINGDON, ENGLAND, PARTICIPATED IN ANALYSIS AT USG REQUEST OF HERBICIDE RESIDUES IN VIETNAM.

2. IF GOI COULD PROVIDE DETAILS CONCERNING ON-SITE CONDITIONS AND CONTAMINATION LEVELS IN TWO ZONES CITED PARA 4 REF (C), EPA WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ADVISE CONCERNING SUITABLE DECONTAMINATION TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES AS INDICATED PARA 6 REF (D). EPA ALSO PREPARED TO OFFER HELP RE ANALYTICAL TECHNOLOGY AND METHODOLOGY IF ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN THOSE AREAS.

3. DR. RAYMOND SUSKIND, M.D., DIRECTOR OF KETTERING RESEARCH LABORATORY, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CINCINNATI (TELEPHONE 513-872-5701), PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE SHORT AND LONG TERM EFFECTS OF TCDD ON HUMANS AND SUITABLE THERAPIES:

(A) SHORT-TERM EFFECTS--SKIN IRRITATION AND SOME ACUTE PULMONARY OR UPPER RESPIRATORY IRRITATION.

(B) LONG-TERM EFFECTS--SEVERE CHLORACNE, MILD EFFECTS ON LIVER, AND POSSIBLE PORPHYRIA. ALSO NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS FOR WEEKS AND MONTHS INVOLVING PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY AFFECTING CHEST MUSCLES AND EXTREMITIES. DISABLING CHEST AND MUSCULAR PAINS CAN PERSIST FOR YEARS.

(C) SUITABLE THERAPIES--OTHER THAN CLEANSING SKIN IMMEDIATELY AND TREATING SYMPTOMATICALLY, THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE TO DEACTIVATE THE EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO TCDD. REST AND GOOD NUTRITION ARE RECOMMENDED AND WATCHFULNESS RE POSSIBLE LIVER DAMAGE.

4. FACILITY IN MARYLAND CITED PARA 3 REF (B) IS FORT DETRICK, PRESENTLY BEING OPERATED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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5. RE PARA 4, REF (B), EPA CONSIDERS THAT COMMON DETERGENT SUCH AS SODIUM TRI POLYPHOSPHATE (STPP), USED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO WASH DOWN WALL BOARD IN U.S. HOME-BUILDING, OR TRISODIUM PHOSPHATE, COULD SERVE AS EFFECTIVE WASH DOWN COMPONENT. PLEASE NOTE THIS PURELY INTENDED AS WASH DOWN PROCEDURE AND THAT WASH DOWN WATER MUST BE COLLECTED AND CONTAINED PER PARA 5 (B) REF (D). KISSINGER

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